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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Stein, *et al.*
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For: METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A TRAUMATIC CENTRAL
NERVOUS SYSTEM INJURY

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20 have been rejected. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

The Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103 Should Be Withdrawn

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in view of Roof *et al.* (1994) *Experimental Neurology* 129:64-69; Roof *et al.* (1992) *Restorative Neurology and Neuroscience* 4:425-427; Roof *et al.* (1997) *Molecular and Chemical Neuropathology* 31:1-11; and, U.S. Patent No. RE.35,517 (Gee *et al.*), in view of Applicants admissions. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Roof *et al.* (1992) teach the administration of progesterone to rats following a frontal contusion reduces brain edema. Roof *et al.* (1994) teach the administration of progesterone to rats following a frontal contusion reduces brain edema, improves rat performance in the Morris water maze spatial navigation task, and decreases neuronal degeneration in the medial dorsal

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